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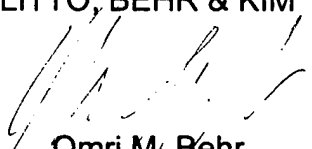
International application (i.e., PCT/US00/09493), which was published as WIPO Publication No. WO 00/61200 on October 19, 2000. With reference to the attached copy of the International Search Report, one can see that the International Examiner assigned a category "A" designation (i.e., a document defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance) to U.S. Patent No. 4,407,960 and International Patent Publication No. WO 98/52621, and a category "X" designation (i.e., a document of particular relevance to the present invention) to International Patent Publication No. WO 98/58683. In the foregoing circumstances, additional comments concerning the relevance of the foregoing patents and publications are considered unnecessary.

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